Serial number and name of petitioner.	Substance of petitions.	Remarks.
14 Other petitions in connexion with the Minor Ports Fund Bill from the various Landing and Shipping Committees and Port Conservancy boards and private parties.	Improvements to ports in general.	Under consideration. (The Presidency Port Officer has already formulated a scheme.)
15 Boatmen of Baruva, Kothuru and Vadapalem.	Protesting against the closure of Baruva.	No such proposal is under the consideration of Government. Petitioners already informed of it in another connexion.
16 Merchants of Baruva ..	Do.	Do.
17 Assistant Secretary, Madras Legislature, Congress Party.	Opening of Nizampatam port ..	Presidency Port Officer's report already called for in another connexion.
18 Sri Muthu Mudaliyar, Tamil Nadu Congress Working Committee.	Port of Cuddalore Godown accommodation.	Under consideration.

Appendix VIII.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 131 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 14th December 1938, page 216 supra.]

Memorandum No. 81730-1-D-2, P.H., dated 30th September 1938.

[Medical institutions—Rural (subsidized)—Appointment of honorary men.]

Presidents of District Boards are requested to furnish information on the following points:—

(1) The number of rural medical practitioners in the district, and

(2) the number of such practitioners who are willing to continue to serve in rural dispensaries under each of the following conditions:—

(*a*) payment of subsidy at 50 per cent of the existing rate;

(*b*) without payment of any subsidy but with supply of medicines of the value of Rs. 360 a year for each dispensary; and

(*c*) without payment of subsidy or supply of medicines but with the services of a midwife paid for by the Government or the local body concerned.

Presidents of District Boards are requested to consult the rural medical practitioners on these points and furnish Government with their views in the matter.

C. H. Masterman,
Secretary to Government.